



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

June 28, 2013

Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor
Executive Chamber
State Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

Re: Natural Disaster Request – Herkimer County

Dear Governor Cuomo:

The heavy rainfall of June 27-28, Thursday and Friday, has caused flooding damage in central New York – and in our districts. We understand that SEMO is gathering information throughout the state to assess whether the state is justified in seeking a federal disaster declaration.

In Herkimer County, the local governments and residents have experienced flood damage with a toll that will be in excess of high six figures just from this short, but heavy, storm. Flooding along the Mohawk River, tributaries of the West Canada Creek and other rivers has closed and damaged public infrastructure that includes bridges and roads due to the heavy rainfall. Residential, business and municipal damage will be significant.


Repairs and future flood mitigation measures will require federal and state assistance.

For these reasons, we urge a rapid assessment by SEMO and quick action to request a federal disaster declaration.

Your assistance would be welcome.

With best wishes, we remain

Sincerely yours,


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